

Stakeholders Meeting
August 28, 2003
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Albemarle Building, Conference Room 622

Agenda

This is a good time for us to take care of a couple of key process issues. In addition, we will take an opportunity to initiate input to the development of a comprehensive training agenda. Information regarding the Target Population and Benefit Packages may also be made available at the meeting. If this is ready, we will simply distribute it for comment.

Our agenda is as follows:

Strategic Training Agenda: One of the deliverables in State Plan 2003 is the development of a Strategic Training Agenda. Given the wide variety of learning required, this will be a difficult and intensive effort. Attached is the only information we are providing regarding this agenda item. There will be no presentation by the Division; we simply want your input. Additional input will be gathered over the next couple of months from a variety of stakeholders (consumers, family members, advocates, providers, managers, and educators, as key examples). The gathering of input and development of the plan will be under the Chief of Administrative Support. You can gather and share as much as you can for our meeting. You will have additional opportunity to provide input as the plan is developed. The stakeholder group will be asked to pick a facilitator and scribe for this agenda item, as the Division will just observe.

Dialog and Relationship: There have been several concerns raised regarding the lack of dialog with the Division. Some of this has been related to State Plan 2003 feedback, Stakeholder Group Meetings that have been highly presentation related rather than interactive and general communication with the Division. The stakeholder group will be asked to pick a facilitator and scribe for this agenda item. For the first part of this process the Division will just observe or leave the room, whatever is the groups collective preference. In this first part, the stakeholder group would collectively develop a list of specific concerns and resolution recommendations. In the second part, working with what the stakeholder group developed, the Division will engage with the stakeholder group in an effort to develop an overall understanding of the concerns and recommendations. As an end product, we should collectively understand and agree on a set of concerns and resolution strategies.

Community Perspectives: This is a follow-up item from our last meeting. The Division is requesting a couple of provider and Area Program representatives to meet with our Management Team (Executive Leadership and Team Leaders) and some of the Divisions teams. The purpose of these meetings is to build sensitivity towards each other-- what unique challenges folks are encountered with from a perspective of working in the state, local public systems and provider organizations. As we are going through a great deal of change this is really a great opportunity to get to know each other better so we can better consider each other as we work in our particular arena.

Future Agendas: We will go over key items for the next three months. There is a great deal of information and material that will be coming forward.